

At 24, he started his PhD at Clark University.
He went on to Princeton in New Jersey one year later. *sic
He often worked day and night, tiring his body and mind.

*7/94 Years here do not concour with wikipedia.



It's tuberculosis, some of your mother. It's quite serious.

You have maybe two weeks to live. Just have a good rest.



I can't die, I have work to do.

I want to live...

He's such a stubborn man, even death can not make him give in.

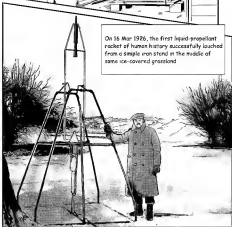
Gaddard did not die two weeks later, he resumed his work again.



He was sure that liquid fuel was the ideal propulsion that definitely can send human into space.



On 16 Mar 1926, the first liquid-propellant rocket of human history successfully launched from a simple iron stand in the middle of some ice-covered grassland.





飞行只持续了约2.5秒

The flight lasted only for
roughly 2.5 seconds

Reaching a maximum height of
roughly only 12 metres

But it is a milestone in the history of
space travel. The flight declared the
birth of modern rocket technology.



Goddard continued his research afterwards

But he faced many difficulties, first he severely lacked research funds...



Goddard was not sheltered by the hardships, he carried on his research with the help of some in-free grants...



Except from fund shortage, the critical press also ridiculed his research



The New York Times called him 'lack the knowledge lauded out daily in high schools', having utopian dreams about sending human to moon all day and call him 'Moon Man'

He carried on his efforts silently facing all the doubts, criticisms and mockeries. By Jan 1941, his rocket engine can reach over 2000 metres high



But the good times did not last for long..
In 1945, Goddard died
of illness



He was weak and often ill since
childhood, but he spared no effort
on working regardless of doctors
and friends' advices



Goddard spent his life in illness and mockery,
but could never realise his dream in his life.

However, maybe just like what Goddard said before
he passed away:

It has often proved true that the dream of yesterday is
the hope of today and the reality of tomorrow.



And then...

24 years after he passed away...

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"On 16 Jul 1969 Apollo 11 successfully launched"

1969年7月16日

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